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:Title: PLANER APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION WITH ELECTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002 (the "Office Action") issued in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant submits the following:

ELECTION AND REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending in the subject application. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the claims are directed to five patentably distinct inventions.

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Responsive to the restriction requirement of the Office Action, Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute invention IV, claims 20-41, drawn to a planer with a depth stop mechanism.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to respond to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, consideration of the application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any remaining concerns regarding Applicant's present response to the restriction requirement, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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